Criminal cases have been registered against persons concerned according to provisions of law, apart from impounding of forged Indian passports.

In order to gear up the machinery and to plug looppholes, vigilance staff has been deputed to conduct random checking. Immigration staff is regularly briefed and alerted against such activities.

Seizure of Arms and Ammunition from smugglers and terrorists

4581. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the amount of arms and ammunition seized by Government at various places from smugglers and terrorists, during the last three years;

(b) the market value of these arms at present; and

(c) the manner in which they are disposed of?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) A statement indicating the available information with regard to seizure of arms and ammunitions from smugglers/terrorists in various parts of the country is laid on the Table of the House as Annexure. (*See* Appendix 173, Annexure No 93)

(b) and (c) The market value of these weapons have not been assessed since the weapons recovered from the smugglers/terrorists become part of the case property in the Courts. Thereafter, these weapons are disposed of in accordance with the diections of the Court

Vacancies in BSF

4582. SHRI F. A. MOHAMMED SAQHY Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) when was the last cadre review conducted in respect of Officers of the rank of Assistant Commandant and above in Border Security Force (BSF);

(b) what are the promotion channels at present in BSF *vis-a-vis* police and other para military forces.

(c) the number of posts of officers lying vacant in BSF, rank-wise;

(d) what are the reasons that the vacancies are not being filled up even when eligible officers in different ranks are available; and

(e) by when the posts are likely to be filled up on the basis of one time post from amongst the eligible officers in BSF?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PALIOT): (a) The last cadre review was held in 1990.

(b) Officers of BSF are governed under the provisions of BSF Act, and Rules. However, their promotional avenues are by and large same as in other Central Para Military Forces. The Central Para Military Forces are not comperable with the State Police.

(c) The rank-wise details of vacancies are as under:—

(i) Assistant Commandant .	376
(ii) Deputy Commandant .	339
(iii) Second-in-Command .	5
(iv) Commandant . . .	5
(v) Dy. Inspector General	4
(vi) Inspector General . .	2

(d) and (e). As regards the vacancy position of Assistant Commandants, 150 probationers are undergoing basic training and for filling of the remaining posts, selection process has been completed recently. The shortages in the post of Dy. Comdt. are, however, acute as sufficient number of eligible officers are not available for promotion. The vacancy position in the other grades is transitory.

Unearthing of a racket in share certificates

4583. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report as published

by the national dailies on March 5, 1995 about unearthing of a major racket by the crime branch of Delhi Police involving *inter alia* stealing of share certificates and trading therein;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that several complaints about the activities of such a racket, active in Delhi and adjacent cities, have been lodged with the crime branch of Delhi Police, specifically identifying some key individuals in the racket ,by some innocent victims long back;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the said complaints have been properly investigated into and adequate action tekan in order to bring the culprits to book; if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the steps taken, if any, to check activities of such rackets which may be active in other cities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) and (b). In February, 1995, the Crmie Branch of Delhi Police unearthed a racket in large scale trading of stolen shares of various companies involving a complex net-work of sub-books, computer operators and postmen. A case under section 420|467|468|471|380|411|120-B IPC was registered at Police Station Connaught Place, New Delhi. Nine accused persons were arrested and 15,479 fake/stolen shares of various companies were seized from them.

(c) to (e). Two complaints regarding theft of shares and lodging of the same for transfer were received by Delhi Police, Two cases, one u/s 420|468|471-IPC at Police Station Hauz Khas, and another u/s 420/468|471|120-B IPC at police station Vinay Nagar, were registered and two persons arrested.

On further interrogation, four more cases already registered at Police Station Shalimar Bagh, Connaught Place, Hauz Khas and Chittranjan Park, were worked out.

(f) Government and other concerned agencies are keeping continuous vigilance to check such criminal activities.

Follow up action on the Commissions Report on Meham incidents

4584. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken up follow up action against those named in the Meham incident on the report of Justice Sarkaria Commission of Enquiry;

(b) if so, what is the nature of action taken;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether it is a fact that Commission of enquiries are only formalities to be observed in such cases, and

(e) if so, what earthly purpose has been served by the Commission, sitting for four years and submitting the report by May 31, 1994?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) to (c) A Commission of Enquiry was set up under the Chairmanship of Justice K. N. Saikia a retired Judge of the Supreme Court to inquire into the Meham incident. As per the action taken report, laid on the Table of the House on 7-12-94, the Central Government was to (a) continue monitoring of action taken by State Govermnt on the issue of Human Rights training to police officers (b) consider suitable amendment to incorporate an oath by the candidate filing a nomination to be fair and harmless and (c) send copy of the report to State Government/CBI for appropriate action.

(d) and (e) Though the Commission was for various reasons, not able to submit its report within the orginally stipulated period, the report not only contains findings on the terms of reference but has also suggested administrative| legislative changes, to prevent recurrence of such incidents.